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SUBJECT: ACCUSATION THAT CIA STATION ROME FAVORS
PCI ENTRY INTO GOI

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1. PANORAMA STORY REPORTED REFTEL HAS BEEN PICKED UP IN TO-
DAY'S LA REPUBBLICA IN A PROMINENT STORY HEADLINED "WHO IS
THE CIA MAN OF THE 'COMPROMISE'?". LA REPUBBLICA'S ELABORA-
TION ATTRIBUTES TO "CIA STATION CHIEF MONTGOMERY" REPORTS TO
WASHINGTON ON WHICH DOCUMENT DESCRIBED REFTEL WAS BASED.
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MONTGOMERY ALLEGEDLY REPORTED THAT THE DC IS "UNTRUSTWORTHY"

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AND THAT THE ENTRY OF THE PCI INTO THE GOVERNMENT "CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILIZATION OF ITALIAN DEMOCRACY WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS".

2. IF PAST PRACTICE IS ANY GUIDE, THESE TWO STORIES ARE LIKELY TO PROVIDE BASRL, DURING THIS PERIOD OF PARLIAMENTARY RECESS, FOR A SERIES OF SPECULATIVE STORIES IN THE LEFT PRESS, PURSUING THE GENERAL THEME THAT US POLICY TOWARD THE PCI WILL CHANGE AFTER THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND A PROMPT AND FIRM DENIAL OF BOTH.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY PROPOSES WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS: QUOTE THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO SAY THAT THE STORY IN LA REPUBBLICA, SUGGESTING A CHANGE IN US POLICY TOWARD ITALY, IS COMPLETELY FALSE. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN US POLICY TOWARD ITALY, NOR HAS THE US EMBASSY, OR ANY ELEMENT OF THE EMBASSY, RECOMMENDED SUCH A CHANGE. THE EARLIER STORY IN PANORAMA SUGGESTING THE EXISTENCE OF A CIA DOCUMENT TO THAT EFFECT IS EQUALLY FALSE. THE EMBASSY REGRETS THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THERE ARE ATTEMPTS IN SOME ELEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN MZXJI TO FALSIFY POSITIONS OF THE EMBASSY AND THE USG. AS WE HAVE INDICATED PREVIOUSLY WE WILL BE FORCED TO DENY PUBLICLY SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTS. END QUOTE. TO BE EFFECTIVE EMBASSY SHOULD RELEASE FOREGOING BY 1400 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME TODAY. VOLPE

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